

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Clark moved to amend by striking out in 11th line, 1st section, the words "day of August," and insert the words "Monday of November."

Adopted.

Mr. Grimes moved to amend by striking out "Paris and Havre de Grace in France; London and Liverpool in Great Britain; and in the city of Bremen.

Rejected.

Mr. Abbott moved to amend by inserting "Galveston after "Houston."

Rejected.

Mr. Phillips moved to amend by striking out the 5th and 6th lines, in 2d section.

Rejected.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by striking out the word "Comptroller," in 1st line 2d section, and inserting "Board of Commissioners."

Rejected.

Mr. Dancy moved to amend by striking out "s" after "Comptroller," in section 1, line 10, and inserting "at his."

Adopted.

Mr. Clark moved to amend by striking out the 5th and 6th lines in section 2d, and inserting the following: "and submit to the Legislature such remarks in relation to the character of the claim as he may deem pertinent and proper."

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

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Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.  
February 8th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Fitzgerald, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Na-



varro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a "resolution requiring them to enquire into the propriety of requiring the Secretary of State to charge fees for business done in his office where the State is not concerned," reported the following bill, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a State Library, and to provide a Library Fund.

Read first time.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a "resolution requiring them to enquire into the propriety of regulating the fees of office for all business transacted in the General Land Office, where the State is not concerned," reported the following bill, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to charge fees for business done in his office, where the State is not concerned.

Read first time.

Mr. Clark, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, reported on "a bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the times and places of holding the Supreme Court." Also on a "joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State of Texas."

Which reports were read, and laid upon the table, to come up with the orders of the day on to-morrow.

Mr. Grimes, chairman of the committee on Finance, reported back to the Senate "a bill to be entitled an act to exempt certain property from taxation, designed and used for purposes of religious worship and of education," and recommended its passage.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing in what cases the Governor may remit fines and forfeitures:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize a special tax to be levied upon the citizens of Harris county: and

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the county seat of Grimes county.

Also that the House had concurred in the amendments of



the Senate to the following bills and joint resolutions, which originated in the House, viz.;

A bill to be entitled an act to define the county boundaries of Goliad county:

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Starr:

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Cameron:

A bill to be entitled an act better defining the boundaries of Nueces county: and

Joint resolution authorizing the Comptroller of Public Accounts to provide a residence in the city of Austin, for the use of the Governor of the State.

Mr. Jewett introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the opening of a turnpike road from the town of Buffalo, on the Trinity river. (the present county seat of Henderson county,) across the Trinity bottom, to the high lands on the western side of said river.

Read first time.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for ascertaining the public debt of Texas, was read.

Mr. Abbott offered a substitute for the bill, which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Abbott, referred together with the bill, to the committee on Finance.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal certain sections of an act entitled "an act to reduce into one and amend the several acts concerning executions," approved Jan. 27th, 1842, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, reporting a substitute therefor, was read

Report rejected, and

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the militia of Newton county, together with the report of the committee on the Militia, proposing amendments, was read; report adopted; and bill passed to a third reading.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims, reporting the following bills, was read:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Jesse H. Cartwright; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the



Judges of the District Courts to hold special sessions thereof, for the trial of persons charged with the commission of crimes, the punishment of which, is death—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Wallace, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jewett, by leave, introduced a Joint Resolution for the benefit of R. M. Potter, Collector of Customs at Velasco, during the years 1842, 1843 and 1844; read first time.

Mr. Williamson moved a suspension of the rule, that the bill might be put upon its second reading.

Lost.

Mr. Grimes, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to grant one league of land to John Conner; a chief of the Delaware tribe, and his band of Delaware Indians; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the price of Land Patents, together with the report of the committee on State Affairs, proposing an amendment, was read; report adopted and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Fitzgerald, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to change the names of the counties of Cameron, Webb and Starr; read first time.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Medina, together with the report of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries thereon, was read, and bill passed to a third reading.

Joint Resolution, instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to procure additional mail service, together with the report of the committee on State Affairs, proposing amendments, was read and report adopted.

Mr. Cuny moved to amend by adding after "Wades" in the 9th route, the words "and Stephen Tippetts."

Adopted.

Mr. Dancy moved to amend by striking out "and" before "Wades," in 9th route.

Adopted.

Mr. Williams moved to amend by inserting "Paris" after Kingsborough."

Adopted.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to amend by adding "From Corpus Christi, Nueces county, to the county seat of the county of Cameron; once a week.



From Corpus Christi to Rio Grande city; once a week.

From Corpus Christi to Laredo; and also,

A weekly mail by steamboat or land, up the Rio Grande to Laredo, via Rio Grande city."

Adopted.

Mr. Cuny moved to amend by adding "26th from San Felipe to Washington, via the new County Seat of Austin county, once a week."

Adopted.

The Resolution was then passed to a third reading.

Joint Resolution, authorizing and requiring the Governor to employ some competent person to digest the laws of the late Republic of Texas, and of such of the laws of Coahuila and Texas as relate to the landed interests of Texas, and of all the laws of the past and present session of the Legislature, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, proposing a substitute therefor, was read and report adopted.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend the Resolution by adding the words "or persons" after "person" in 5th line of 1st section; upon which the yeas and nays were called, and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Cuny, Dancy, Navarro, Perkins, Wallace and Williams—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Bache, Burleson, Clark, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Phillips, Williamson and Wootten—10.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Williamson moved to amend by adding to the end of the last section, the following words: "and that this Joint Resolution take effect from and after its passage."

Adopted.

The Resolution was then ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Gillespie, together with the report of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, offering an amendment; was read, and report adopted.

Mr. Dancy moved to amend by inserting in the caption, after "Gillespie," the following words "in honor of Captain Robert A. Gillespie, who fell at the battle of Monterey."

Adopted, and bill passed to a third reading.

Joint Resolution, requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in the name of the heirs of William P. Nunn, together with the report of the committee on



Private Land Claims; was read; and Resolution passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of Jeremiah Bowlin together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims, was read and passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the forfeiture of certain neat cattle, hogs or sheep, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, proposing an amendment, was read; and report adopted, and bill passed to its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Grimes, Jewett, McRea and Phillips—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Bache, Burleson, Fitzgerald, Gage, Navarro, Perkins, Wallace, Williams and Williamson—9.

On motion of Mr. Williamson, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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Wednesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.  
February 9th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Burleson, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Fitzgerald, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams, Williamson and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Jewett presented the petition of Louis Sanches, which

On motion of Mr. Jewett, was referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

The President of the Senate announced a communication, which was read and found to be a notice of contest of the election for Senator from the District of San Patricio, Refugio and Nueces.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to refer the communication, together with his credentials to the committee on Apportionment, Privileges and Elections.

Carried.